GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LAUNCH OF GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether U. S. President had sometime back announced the launch of a global `war on terrorism`;

(b) if so, whether terrorism against India from across the border has not been included therein and rather the attitude of U.S. is that of tacit acceptance; and

(c) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) Yes.

(b) Since October 2001, the United States has, on a number of occasions, said that the campaign against terrorism is a comprehensive one, directed against terrorism everywhere, including terrorism that affects India. The United States has repeatedly asked Pakistan to end cross-border terrorism against India and had, in June 2002, conveyed to the Government the commitment it had received from President Musharraf in this regard.

(c) Cross-border terrorism, and Pakistan`s support for it, continues. Government believes that the international community, including the United States, must take appropriate steps to ensure the fulfilment of the commitment that it has received from President Musharraf.